



WINKLER SCHOOL BOARD REPORT  
on the  
OPERATION of the WINKLER SCHOOL  
April, 1963







## WINKLER SCHOOL DISTRICT

	Town	of	
	School		
	Winkler		
School District of Winkler			

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The School District of Winkler #747, is a three-mile square, traversed by highways numbers 14 and 32. The Town of Winkler has a population of 2900.

Members of the Winkler School Board are: H.F. Wiebe, Chairman; P.D. Wiebe, Vice-Chairman; Dr. H.U. Penner; H. Hiebert; and I.R. Dyck. G.G. Siemens is Secretary-Treasurer.

Members of the School Teaching Staff are: J.J. Bergen, Principal; H. Thiessen, Vice-Principal; F. Brown; G.G. Siemens; D. Friesen; A. Janzen; J.F. Wiebe; F. Dyck; M. Schulz; Miss T. Thiessen; A. Dyck; P. Friesen; H. Neufeld; J. Janzen; Miss A. Thiessen; Mrs. E. Thiessen; Mrs. K. Brown; Mrs. K. Friesen; Miss M. Harder; Mrs. H. Goertzen; Miss M. Wolfe; Mrs. V. Sawatzky; Mrs. A. Peters; Miss H. Enns; Mrs. T. Kehler; and Mrs. E. Dyck.



## WINKLER SCHOOL

Winkler operates a large school. There are 25 classrooms, a library, a laboratory, and an auditorium. All of this space is in use practically every hour of the school day, and much of it is used every evening. The library room is being used also as a typing room, as a T. V. educational broadcast room, for junior orchestra practice, and for noon-hour choir practice. Though this is making "good use" of the space, it prevents us from providing the required library facilities. The Kindergarten room serves a morning and an afternoon class. It is an overcrowded room. More space is required.

A staff of 27 teachers is employed. One of these is employed half-days in Kindergarten. One teacher is in charge of the remedial program.

For the month of January 1963, 728 children were enrolled in all classes at Winkler School. Of these, 51 were in Kindergarten, 483 in grades I-VIII, and 194 in high school. 38 students are enrolled in grade XII. About 40 of our high School students are non-residents.

### ELEMENTARY SECTION

There are two rooms for every grade, in grades I to VIII. At present our rooms are not overcrowded. However, as soon as we shall experience an increase in elementary enrollment, we shall require more classroom space. The one elementary room which is overcrowded, and which requires much better facilities, is the Kindergarten room.



The Junior Orchestra

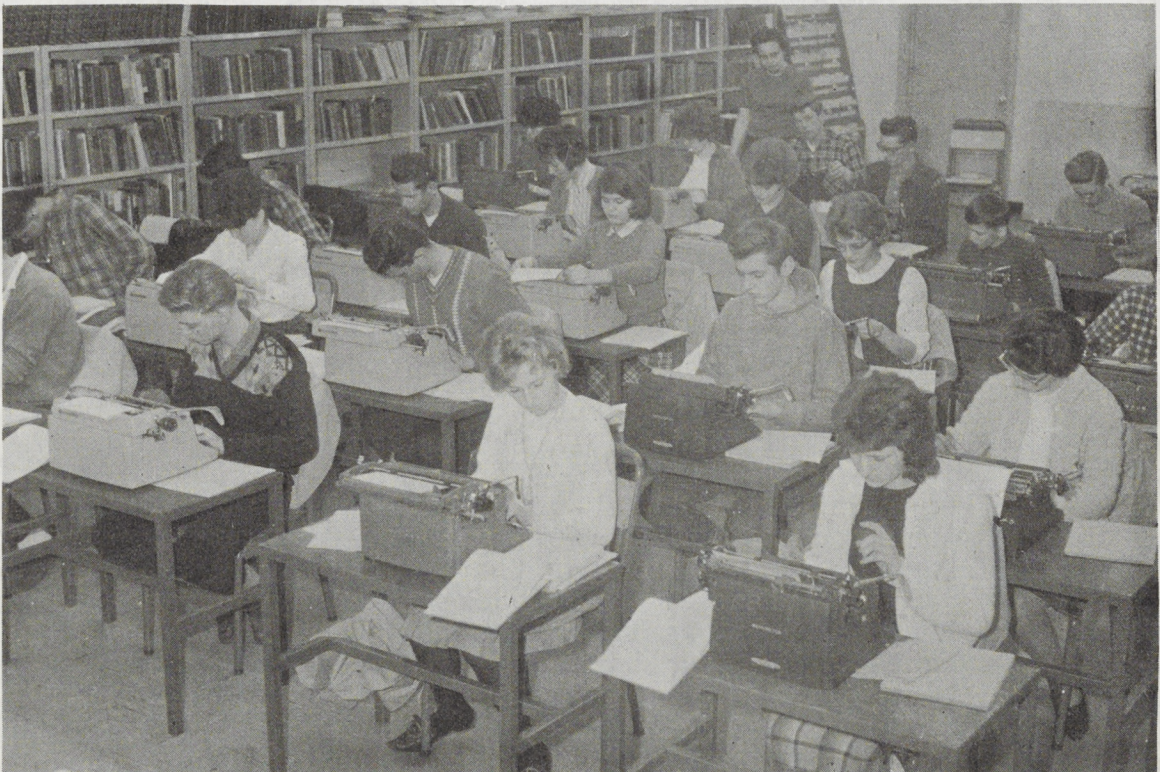


Our pupils are instructed by a capable staff. Additional experiences and training are provided by the production of Christmas programs, by active participation in the annual Festival, by German language programs over CFAM, and by some Saturday CFAM programs by lower grades. Any child is permitted to join the Junior Orchestra. All classes receive additional physical training in the auditorium almost every week.

This year, a remedial classroom has been in operation under the direction of Mr. A Kroeker. Pupils from Grades II to VII come to this room two or three times a week in order to get extra assistance in Reading or Arithmetic. A number of these pupils have increased their ability to read considerably. Some have moved up two or three grade levels since they began in this classroom in fall. Some have found their arithmetic troubles solved, and are now able to carry on with their regular arithmetic program in their own classrooms. Some of the pupils no longer are required to go for remedial assistance; others will require this help for some time to come.

### SECONDARY SECTION

There are two rooms for each grade, in grades IX to XI, and one grade XII room. Our rooms are not overcrowded this year, as they have been for many years. The drop in non-resident attendance, due to a special tuition fee, has enabled the Board to open the needed remedial room. Typing instruction is given after an interruption of



A Typing Class



several years. Both grade ten classes and some grade eleven students take typing as an option. Some students are taking typing as an extra subject after four o'clock.

Winkler School District has been able to attract a fully qualified and experienced staff throughout the years. Most of our high school teachers hold a professional as well as an academic degree. One was awarded the University Gold Medal. An able staff has no doubt contributed to the high passing rates our students have achieved in comparison with many schools. With few exceptions, our graduating students of each year go on to University, Bible School, Nurses



Physics Class in the Laboratory

Training, or Teachers' College. Fourteen of our students of last year were awarded about \$4125 in scholarships and bursaries. One student won the coveted General Motors Scholarship, which has an annual value of \$1200 for four years for him. (This scholarship, of which there is only one each year for all of Manitoba, has been won by three Winkler students in recent years.) Two of our students were among the top fifty admitted to Teachers' College and were each awarded \$100 scholarships. Among the graduates of W.C.I. are many who have won the Isbister Scholarships for having obtained the highest averages in this area of the Province.



High School students get much valuable experience and training in Student Council activities. The Grade XII and grade XI classes presented three-act dramas this year. Most students are in the Collegiate choir. The choir and the orchestra presented a Christmas program. The grade IX classes presented a good-quality "variety program" during the fall. Students have the opportunity to take part in reciting poetry, in debating and in public speaking. All students are able to take advantage of an excellent physical training program. Basketball games include inter-school competition.

#### THE SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA

Mr. Albert Horch is director of the School orchestra this year. This orchestra was started many years ago by his brother, Mr. Ben Horch, and conducted for many years by Mr. J. P. Redekopp. On more than one occasion our orchestra has been invited to perform at public functions at home and in Winnipeg. It has presented programs in several communities. For the past three years it has attended the annual music workshop at Brandon. One of our members, Bill Janzen, has won acclaim by being chosen as an outstanding clarinet player. Last summer he toured Canada, the United States and Europe with the International Band. Our Junior Orchestra consists of about 16 members. Any pupil who plays an instrument may join this orchestra.



Winkler Collegiate Symphony Orchestra



Our more accomplished musicians may join the senior orchestra, which is composed of about 30 members. Each group rehearses once a week.



The Adult English Class

#### NIGHT SCHOOLS

Upon request an evening school for Typing was arranged this winter. A number of adults and a few students came out two evenings a week to take part in this course. Mrs. T. Kehler gave this instruction. There were also two classes for the instruction of English for adults. About 29 had enrolled and received this instruction from Mr. F. Dyck and Mrs. S. Hildebrand. An "Adult Education Course" for business men and others was conducted every Monday night, during winter months. On Thursday and Friday evenings, Dr. B. Froese gave First Aid instruction under the sponsorship of Civil Defence.

#### WINKLER SCHOOL DISTRICT AND THE SCHOOL DIVISION

##### I. What is a School Division?

1. It is a group of School Districts combined for the purpose of providing High School Education.
2. All tax-payers within the Division support the high schools.



II. What advantages does the Division Plan offer?

1. Increased grants.
2. Increased high school enrollment. This makes possible the provision of more facilities and of more optional courses. The General Course may become a possibility.
3. The high schools belong to all the people who would normally require their services.
4. All students within the boundaries have the right to attend the Division High Schools.

III. What happens to Winkler School District?

1. It remains as it now is. The Winkler School Board continues to administer education up to and including Grade VIII.
2. The present buildings and equipment are property of the Winkler School District. When the high school moves to its own building more facilities become available to the children of our elementary grades.

IV. Why does Winkler need the Division Plan?

1. Winkler School District alone is losing the value of about \$30,000 worth of grants each year. This money could be used to provide some of the needed facilities.
2. If Winkler District were to build a new collegiate, which will eventually have to be done, about 60% of the cost of the building would have to be borne by the tax-payers of Winkler District. If Winkler were in a Division, only about 25% of the total cost of construction would have to be raised locally, but Winkler District would not have to raise all of the 25%, because part of this would be raised by the total Division.

V. For what additional grants would we qualify?

1. Teacher Grants	\$25,000
2. Instructional Supplies (50%) (paper, libraries, sports, etc.)	3,000
3. School Maintenance (75%) (fuel, light, caretaking supplies & salaries)	11,000
4. Administration (75%) (Sec.-treas., office secretary, audit fees, bank interest, etc.)	2,000
5. Transportation (60%)	500
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Deduct about 3 mills on assessment	10,500
Net gain in grants	<hr/> \$31,000

Grants for building schools which are now 40%, go as high as 75% in the Division Plan.



# EXPENDITURES OF WINKLER SCHOOL DISTRICT #747

	1961 Actual	1962 Actual	1963 Estimated
1. Instructional Services	\$128,403.00	\$129,669.00	\$135,620.00
2. Instructional Supplies			
(a) Academic	4,177.20	4,691.83	4,900.00
(b) Libraries	1,357.22	2,134.82	2,500.00
3. School Maintenance	17,490.28	17,579.42	17,250.00
4. Administration	4,694.23	4,392.26	4,750.00
5. Transportation	521.86	674.25	1,000.00
6. Other Expenditures	1,742.83	2,679.45	3,200.00
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Total Operating Expenditures	\$158,386.62	\$161,821.03	\$169,220.00
7. Capital Expenditures			
(a) Debentures: Pr. & Int.	21,518.65	21,518.65	21,518.65
(b) Buildings	16,403.71	191.30	1,000.00
(c) Equipment	1,459.25	4,974.41	4,000.00
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	\$197,768.23	\$188,505.39	\$195,738.65





During the 1962-63 school term the Winkler School Board has sponsored a Driver Training Course. Mr. Henry Neufeld, who received a bursary to attend a Driver Instructors Course at Moose Jaw in July of 1962, was engaged as the instructor of this course. A car was provided for this purpose with the compliments of Kroeker Motors of Winkler.

Twenty grades nine to twelve students are enrolled in this course. Thirty-six hours of lectures are given during Tuesday and Thursday noon hours. Each student receives about seven hours of behind-the-wheel driving instruction after four o'clock or on Saturdays. The course emphasizes good driver attitudes as well as driving skill. Each student has a text "Sportsmanlike Driving." Each student who satisfactorily completes the course will receive a refund of the five dollars he has deposited. It is expected that the final testing of the students will be carried out by the Safety division of the Manitoba Government Highways Branch. Students who pass will save considerably on insurance rates.



